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APPLICANT: Thiele, et al. ART UNIT: 1642
SERIAL NO: 09/318,080 EXAMINER: Nickol, G.
FILED: May 25, 1999
TITLE: NOVEL ACETALDEHYDE AND MALONDIALDEHYDE PROTEIN
ADDUCTS AS MARKERS FOR ALCOHOL LIVER DISEASE

ELECTION OF SPECIES

(Under U.S.C. § 121)

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

In response to the Office Action dated October 13, 2000,
Applicant respectfully requests that the following comments be
entered and made of record.

REMARKS

The Examiner notes that the application contains claims
directed to patentably distinct species of the claimed
invention, namely lower C₁ to C₆ alkyl group, benzyl, or
hydrogen. The Examiner requests that Applicant under U.S.C. §
121 elect a single disclosed species for prosecution with the
consideration that claim 23, which is generic, will be

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